October 5, 2009

Mr. Peter DeVries, Chair Washington State Building Code Council PO Box 42525 Olympia, WA 98504-2525

Mr. Chairman and Council Members:

I am Bruce Corigliano representing the Eastern Washington Masonry Producers Association. I want to offer the masonry industry's **support** for five building code amendments. All these IBC amendments have been recommended for approval by the Building Code TAG. In addition, two of them have been discussed by the SEAW Earthquake Engineering Committee. These proposal and section numbers include:

Log #09-243 - Section 2108.2 - Anchor bolts

Log #09-244 - Section 2107.3 - Anchor bolts

Log #09-245 - Section 2104.1 - Grout heights

<u>Log #09-246 - Section 2107.1 and 2107.2</u> - Allowable stress design
This proposal is recommended for approval by the Structural Engineers Association as well as the Building Code TAG.

<u>Log #09-242 - Section 1405.6.2</u> - Wire reinforcement in masonry veneer We support the modified proposal by the Northwest Concrete Masonry Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed masonry amendments.

Sincerely,

Bruce Corigliano

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